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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STR VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: CARACAS 2946

1. DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA, EMBASSY LEARNED THAT STR CONSIDERING SENDING AMBASSADOR WOLF TO BRAZIL TO DISCUSS MTN WITH GOB OFFICIALS. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS WOLF INCLUDE CARACAS IN HIS ITINERARY. GOV BECOMING INCREASING AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF MTN TO VENEZUELA NAD NECESSITY FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA DURING FEW MONTHS REMAINING. ONE DAY STOP HERE WOULD AT MINIMUM ENCOURAGE THIS PERCEPTION AND CONFIRM IN THEIR MINDS THAT USG REALLY INTERESTED IN MAXIMIZING LDC PARTICIPATION.

2. IN ADDITION, CARACAS IS HEADQUARTERS SITE FOR SELA SECRETARIAT. AD DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SELA IS 25 MEMBER LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. DURING MEETING MARCH 29 WITH NSC STAFFER GUY ERB, SELA SECRETARY GENERAL MONCAYO SAID HIS ORGANIZATION WANTS TO ASSIST SELA MEMBERS IN PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC FORA THROUGH
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DISSEMINATION INFORMATION AND COORDINATING POSITIONS (SEE REFTEL).

3. IF AMBASSADOR WOLF COULD STOP IN CARACAS, WE MIGHT PROPOSE TO MONCAYO THAT HE INVITE SELA MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CARACAS TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFING BY WOLF. BASED ON YESTERDAY'S CONVERSATION WE BELIEVE MONCAYO WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THIS PROPOSAL. FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW, NOT

ONLY WOULD US MTN MESSAGE BE GIVE TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT ONE TIME, BUT WE WOULD BE PRECEIVED AS SUPPORTING LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL INTEGRATION GENERALLY AND SELA SPECIFICALLY THROUGH OUR WILLINGNESS TO USE SELA CHANNELS TO GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS.

4. IF THIS PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. WE AND SELA WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SEVERAL WEEKS LEAD TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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